

Schoonbrunn a week ago with the intention of killing you, but when I arrived the parade was just over; I therefore deferred the execution of my design till In-day/— 'I tell you, young man, you are either mad or in bad health.'

"The Emperor here ordered Corvisart to be sent for. Staps asked who Corvisart was? I told him that he was a physician. He then said, 'I have no need of him.' Nothing further was said until the arrival of the doctor, and during this interval Staps evinced the utmost indifference. When Corvisart arrived Napoleon directed him to feel the young man's pulse, which he immediately did: and Staps then very coolly said, 'Am I not well, sir?' Corvisart told the Emperor that nothing ailed him. 'I told you so,' said Staps, pronouncing the words with an air of triumph.

"I was really astonished at the coolness and apathy of Staps, and the Emperor seemed for a moment confounded by the young man's behavior. After a few moments' pause the Emperor resumed the interrogatory as follows:

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"* Your brain is disordered. You will be the ruin of your family. I will grant you your life if you ask pardon for the crime you meditated, and for which you ought to be sorry/—

*I want no pardon. I only regret having failed in my attempt.⁷— 'Indeed! then a crime is nothing to you?—'T

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kill you is no crime: it is your duty/— * Whose portrait is that which was found on you?'—* It is the portrait of a young lady to whom I am attached.¹— 'She will doubtless be much distressed at your adventure?'— * She will only be sorry that I have not succeeded. She abhors you as much as I do.'—¹ But if I were, to pardon you would you be grateful for my mercy?—* I would nevertheless kill you if I could.¹

"I never," continued Rapp, "saw Napoleon look so confounded. The replies of Staps and his immovable resolution perfectly astonished him. He ordered the prisoner to be removed; and when he was gone Napoleon said, ⁴This is the result of the secret societies which infest Germany. This is the effect of line principles and the light of reason. They make young men assassins. But what can be done against illuminism? A sect cannot be, destroyed by camouflement*.'